

Judge Tharp's House
26 South Washington Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

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Early Nineteenth Century

Judge Tharp's House is a two-and-a-half story Federal period townhouse to which a third floor has been added. The early Flemish bond wall is still visible, as is the outline of the original gable roof, more steeply pitched than the present one. The front porch, which probably dates from the early twentieth century, has curved wooden brackets and a beautiful cast iron railing.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Judge Tharp's House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

26 South Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

J. Earl Ewing Real Estate and Management Service, Inc. Telephone #: 301-822-2436

STREET & NUMBER

Nine Harrison Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Talbot County Court House

Liber #: 387

Folio #: 009

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Town of Easton Survey by Paul Brinkman

DATE

August 29, 1967

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story brick structure on the east side of South Washington Street is situated very close to the sidewalk.

The building is three bays wide and thirty feet deep; it is covered with a very shallow gable roof. As originally constructed, this was a two-and-a-half story building with a steeply pitched gable roof; its outline may be still seen on the side elevations. Flemish bond brick with narrow mortar joints is used on the front facade up to the former cornice line; the addition is common bond.

The window openings are symmetrically spaced. Window frames, apparently installed when the third floor was added, are very narrow and trimmed with a bead. Sills are flat and unmolded. Two over two sashes are used on the first floor with six over six above. Shutter-dogs remain at each window; those on the second floor, possibly dating from the first period of the building, are decorated with a six-pointed star. Shutters on upper floors have been removed; louvered shutters remain on the first floor windows.

The main entrance is found in the southern bay. It has a transom light, but no sidelights. Marks in the brick indicate that the original door was wider than this one.

The cornice projects rather far from the face of the building; a shallow cove is used at the crown mold. There is a bed mold and plain, flat frieze. A wide enclosed chimney with a corbelled cap rises in the center of the north gable end.

A three bay porch, probably dating from the twentieth century, exists on the front of the building.

Square, chamfered posts support a low hipped porch roof covered with raised seam tin. Curved ornamental brackets and the steps at the ends make the porch resemble a delicate arcade standing beside the sidewalk. The balustrade is of iron cast in an intricate geometric pattern. Beautifully proportioned and skillfully crafted, this balustrade is a fine example of nineteenth century cast iron work.

Most interior features appear to date from the late nineteenth century. The stair has turned balusters and a heavy newel. A small portion of stair which may date from the earliest period of the building remains between the second and third floor. It has a round newel and plain balusters and appears to be in its original position.

Additions form an ell to the rear.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Early Nineteenth Century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is significant for its architecture. Its brick work and early stair would indicate that the structure was probably constructed during the Federal period, Easton's first major architectural period. It may once have resembled in form the remaining Federal structures on Washington. It would probably have been one of the simpler of these buildings. Its present cornice and short third floor windows give it a Greek revival appearance. The structure is especially notable for its delicate front porch with a cast iron railing.

L387/F11 This building is also owned by the T. Earle Ewing Real Estate and Management Services, Inc. It was put in this name by T. Earle Ewing and his wife Eva, who bought the property from the heirs of Alfred Tharp in 1941. It came to him in 1894 through foreclosure of a mortgage (Chancery Docket T.H. #2, Folio 26) which James Tharp has given to Reuben Tharp in 1884. Reuben had bought the house and premises for \$1400.00 in 1855. It fronted 27 feet 6 inches on Washington St. It has previously been sold, in 1825, to William Mackay, the father of Emma Perry. He paid \$1571.00 for the house and premises. This points to an earlier house, occupied by William Mackay, and later changes and additions made by the Tharps.

L250/F130

L98/F463

L66/F341

L46/F299

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE None

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

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DATE

September 20, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Box 1171

TELEPHONE Mr. Paul Parsons,
301-822-2706 President

CITY OR TOWN

Easton


STATE

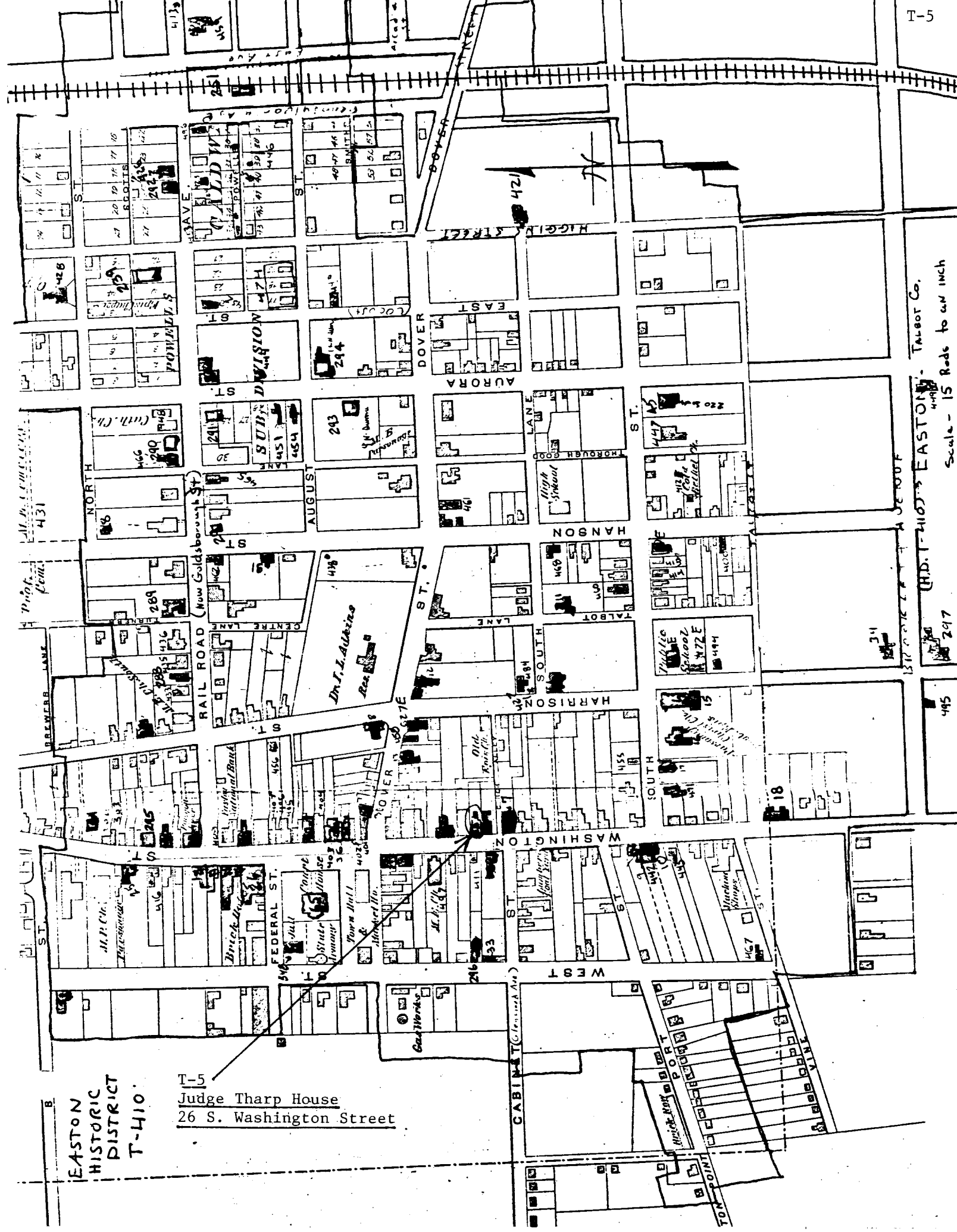
Maryland 21601

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Talbot TOWN Easton VICINITY STREET NO. 28 Washington Street ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE Dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION Flemish bond brick NO. OF STORIES three		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME 7-5 DATE OR PERIOD c. 1845 STYLE Late Federal ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC no <p style="margin-left: 40px;">This is a late Federal town house, deeper than it is wide. It has a gently pitched A-roof with a white wooden molded cornice along the front roof line. There are 2 enclosed chimneys within the left wall with a brick curtain between them. The house is 3 bays wide. The 1st and 2nd storey windows are Victorian 2/2 sashes. The third storey windows are 6/6. All of the windows have flat brick arches and white wooden sills. A one storey porch runs along the front of the house. It has cut gingerbread porch posts and an elegant cast iron balustrade. The house is well-kept up and helps preserve the character of Washington Street. From the appearance of the brickwork it is likely that this house was an earlier 2 1/2 storey structure enlarged to its present 3 storey size sometime in Victorian times.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior Very good			
 6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <p style="text-align: center;">Paul A. Brinkman</p> DATE OF RECORD August 28, 1967	

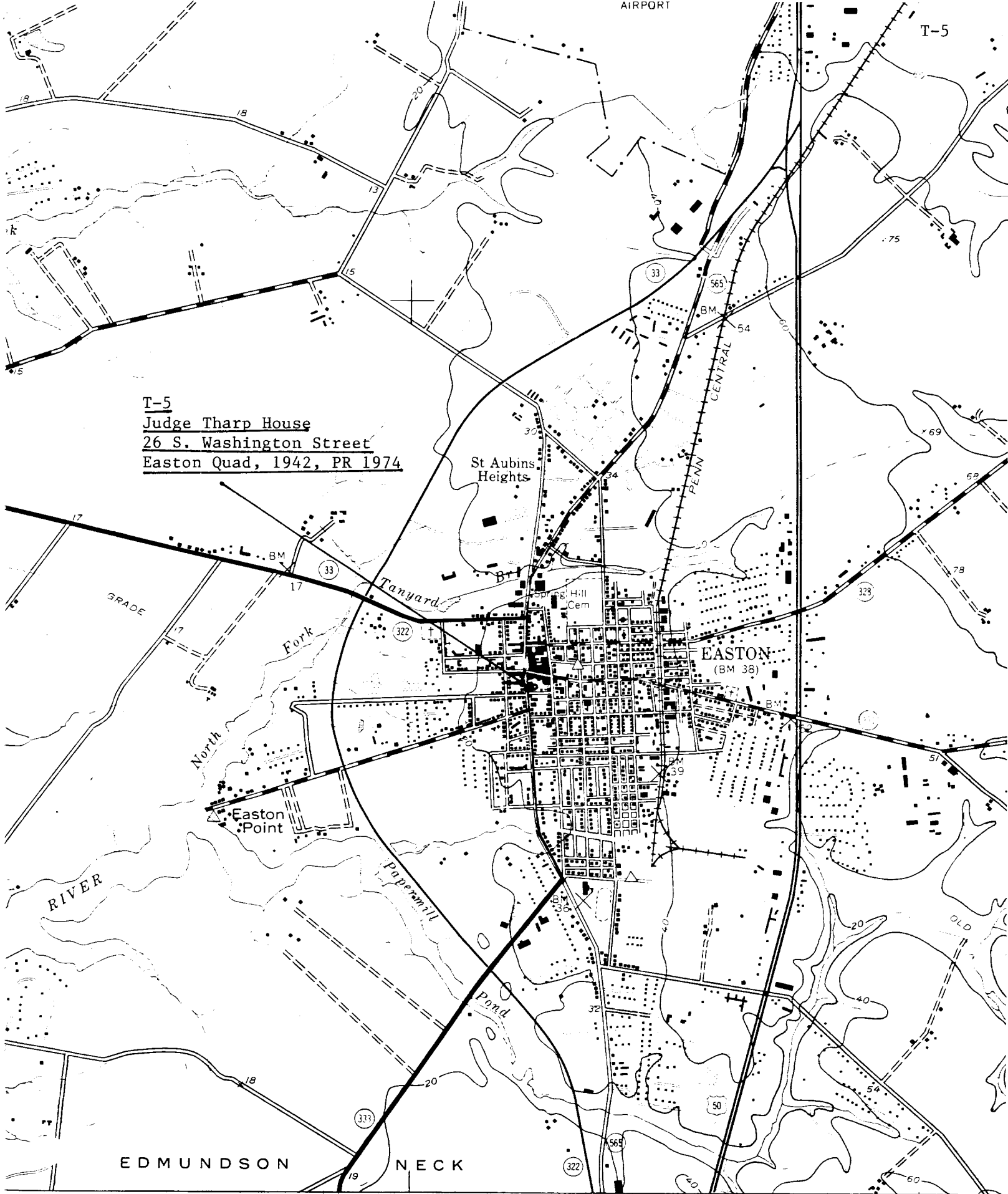


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26 S. Washington Street

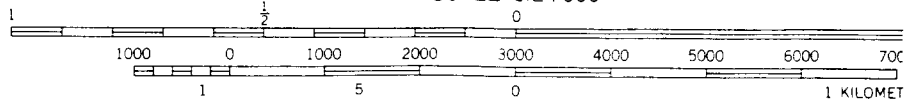
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26 S. Washington Street
Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974



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metric methods





13 x 1.54

52% ~~50%~~ 5

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